



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 15, 2007

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Debra Jones
Sgt. Melanee Long-Thomason
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Brian Harris
PO Sophia Nelms
Atty. Grant Ha

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director (**ABS**)
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of the staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for November 15, 2007, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for November 1, 2007, and November 8, 2007 were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a moment of silence for community activist Mary Borella.

Comm. Holley asked to know for whom she worked.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for Councilman Ken Crockrel and the two previous Mayors. She stated she was like a Mayor to citizens of Southwest Detroit.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF POLICE OFFICER CARNELLE HUMPHRIES, BADGE 1688, ASSIGNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT

On April 25, 2007, Internal Affairs received information that Officer Humphries was operating an illegal after hour's club involving dog fighting. An informant/complainant (hereinafter "complainant") provided additional information that on March 31, 2007, Officer Humphries along with two plainclothes officers entered Cover Girls and issued four (4) misdemeanor tickets. The ticket numbers and charges are delineated below:

U298-335-07 – Allow simulated sex acts on licensed premises.

U298-336-07 – Employ person to dance without a cabaret "D" card

U298-337-07 – Operate a business in the City of Detroit without a license

U298-339-07 – Allow indecent and obscene conduct on a licensed premise

On June 17, 2007, the complainant received a text message from telephone number (313) 647-1151 that read, "This is Humphries need your help with something and I will return the favor please call me." The complainant called the number and spoke to Officer Humphries who advised him that he would dismiss two of the charges if he (the complainant) paid him two hundred dollars. They agreed to meet on June 18, 2007. It should be noted that as a result of a search warrant it was revealed that the telephone number belonged to Carnelle Humphries of 18776 Kingsville, Detroit, Michigan 48225.

On June 18, 2007, at approximately 9:00 P.M., the complainant and Officer Humphries met at Cover Girls. The complainant gave Officer Humphries two hundred dollars in U.S. currency and Officer Humphries agreed to dismiss the two most serious charges. The complainant digitally recorded this conversation and all telephone conversations with Officer Humphries.

On September 5, 2007, at the 36th District Court, the complainant pled guilty to "Employing Person without a Cabaret D Card" and "Operating a Business in the City of Detroit without a License." The other two charges were dismissed.

In August 2007, based upon Officer Humphries' recommendations, the prosecutor dismissed the charges of "Allow Simulated Sex Acts on Licensed Premises" and "Allowing Indecent and Obscene Conduct on a Licensed Premise" and let the complainant plead guilty to the other two charges.

On October 24, 2007, this case was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Public Corruption Unit.

On October 31, 2007, Special Agent Michael Haynie, of the FBI interviewed Officer Humphries at his home regarding the allegations. Officer Humphries confessed to receiving two hundred dollars in exchange for dismissing the charges against the complainant.

On November 1, 2007, United States District Court Eastern Division Magistrate Mona Majzoub issued felony criminal complaint number 07-30506, charging Officer Humphries with "Interfering with Interstate Commerce by Committing an Act of Extortion under Color of Law." (Violation of the Hobbs Act, Title 18 U.S.C. section 1951)

On November 1, 2007, at 18433 Griggs, Detroit, Sergeant John Kennedy, badge S-168, assigned to Internal Affairs suspended Officer Humphries from the Detroit Police Department.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that PO Humphries be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.

Atty. Hooks stated that she spoke with John Goldpaugh's office today and they indicated they were not contesting the suspension.

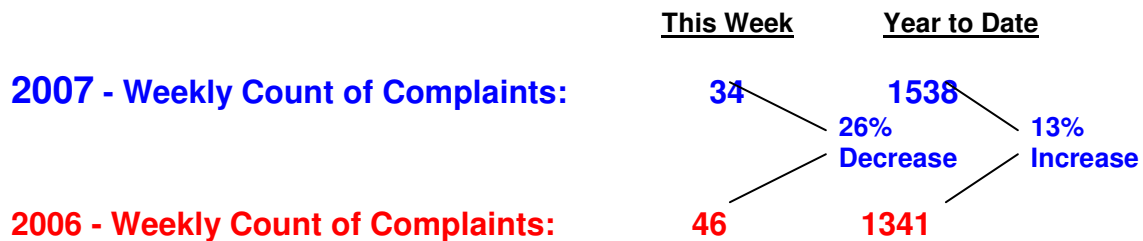
Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of PO Humphries without pay, effective November 8, 2007.

Atty. Hooks asked Atty. Ha if he had any comments.

He shook his head as to provide an answer of "no".

Unless **contravened** by this Board, the suspension without pay will stand.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,311** active investigations, of which **1,030** of those are for 2007.

Atty. Hooks thanked Leslie J. Griffin for securing the NFL Youth Town Club for the Board community meeting last week. She stated it was one of the best community meetings that she has attended, and gave thanks to Comm. Holley for the wonderful job he did.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/15/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	C.A.T.S.						1				1
1	CENTRAL									1	1
1	CHILD ABUSE UNIT						1				1
2	COMMUNICATIONS									2	2
2	EASTERN		1							1	2
1	HOMICIDE SECTION							1			1
2	NARCOTICS DIVISION		1						1		2
3	NORTHWESTERN		1				3				4
1	ORGANIZED CRIME	1		1			1				3
1	SEX CRIME UNIT									1	1
2	SOUTHWESTERN						2				2
1	TACTICAL SERVICES		1								1
1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		1				1		1		3
10	Unknown Command		2	3	1		3			2	11
5	WESTERN	2	4	1	1		3		1		12
34		3	11	5	2	0	15	1	3	7	47

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of November 05, 2007 through November 11, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 26 search warrants and 50 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 39 Felony arrests
- 109 Misdemeanor arrests
- 12 Juveniles detained
- 241.60 grams of cocaine, 694.9 grams of heroin, 28,316.40 grams of marijuana and 38 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 1,461,106.00
- \$ 26,188.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 15 Handguns



Engaging the Community

Central District

On November 9th, officers of the Central District responded to the 15th and Bagley for a "Larceny in a Building." **Due to the officers quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Larceny between \$1,000 & \$20,000 and (2) Habitual 3rd Degree.**



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

• **Next meeting:**
 Tuesday, November 20, 2007
 @ 3:00 P.M.
Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Police / Community Intervention

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NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On November 7th, officers of the Northwestern District stopped a motorist in the area of Warren and Evergreen. As a result of the officers investigation, the motorist was arrested and charged with (1) Fleeing & Eluding, (2) Motor Vehicle Advisory, and (3) Habitual Offender 2nd Degree.

WESTERN DISTRICT

On November 9th, officers of the Western District responded to the 16000 block of Livernois on a "Robbery/Citizen." As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Robbery Unarmed, (2) Ethnic Intimidation, (3) Habitual 2nd Degree and (4) Habitual 4th Degree.



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On November 4th, in the area of Ryan and Outer Drive, officers of Northeastern District stopped a motorist wanted in a shooting. Subsequent their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle, and (4) Felony Firearm.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On November 7th, a subject was investigated by officers for "Domestic Violence" in the 7000 block of Majestic. As the result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Felonious Assault, (2) Malicious Destruction of Police Property, and (3) Domestic Violence.



6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Ramirez stated a couple of months ago, Comm. Holley asked for an update on the towing service for the department. She asked AC Godbee if he has the status of that report.

AC Godbee stated he didn't indicate that there would be a written report, but he did indicate to the Board that they are working on the process, which he's not at liberty to share at this time.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it has been over three months.

Comm. Holley stated that he spoke to DC Clark and he stated that he was working on the towing contract and two weeks later he stated he had given it to AC Godbee. He stated after speaking several times with AC Godbee, he mentioned that he is still working on it. He stated he wants to see a level playing field with the African American towing companies in the City. This was discussed two years ago and he doesn't know why it is taking so long to be rolled out. He asked when you decide to roll it out, can he review it before it is rolled out to the public. He knows that this is a very sensitive issue.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this is a conversation that they should have off the record. The current process for towers hasn't changed, but they are looking at how they can make it more effective. They need to make sure that the City is generating revenues and that the population of the City is being represented. There is a process that has to be followed regarding the towing contract and the department isn't hiding anything.

Comm. Holley stated he has no problem with that and in no way is he suggesting that the department is hiding something in regards to this contract. He stated the current status of the contract doesn't meet his standards and is not acceptable. He could not imagine the Mayor or the Chief wouldn't want anything less than a level playing field.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that this is bigger than what you have imagined.

Comm. Holley stated that he would wait for their meeting to continue this discussion.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated okay.

Resolution: William Sledge

The adoption of the Resolution for Mr. Sledge was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

Atty. Hooks stated there were four disciplinary appeals scheduled for oral arguments. She spoke with both attorneys and in accordance with their requests, they will be brought back on Tuesday, November 20, or Thursday, November 29th. More than likely it will be November 29th.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Moore stated he is here on the behalf of Councilman Kwame Kenyatte, and please feel free to call his office if he can be of any help. He thanked the Board for the condolences that were given to Mary Borella.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb